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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN REACTION TO CARTER'S ENERGY PROGRAM

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1. GOA, PRESS AND INDUSTRY REACTIONS TO CARTER'S ENERGY PROGRAM HAVE BEEN MINIMAL EXCEPT FOR CRITICISM BY SR PHILLIP BAXTER, FORMER CHAIRMAN AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. GOA HAS ISSUED NO OFFICIAL COMMENT AND PRESS HAS REPORTED ENERGY PROPOSALS WITH WARNING THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD TAKE HEED BECAUSE OF ITS DIMINISHING PETROLEUM RESERVES AND LOOMING ENERGY CRISIS.

2. BAXTER, IN AUSTRALIAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE, THE BULLETIN OF APRIL 30, 1977, CALLS CARTER POLICY BEGIN QTE SHEER MADNESS END QTE, AND NOTES THAT POLICY'S CONTRIBUTION TO NONPROL-
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IFERATION OBJECTIVES WILL BE SMALL IF NOT ZERO RESULTS WILL BE: (A) URANIUM USAGE WITH EFFICIENCY OF ONE PERCENT; (B) INCREASED PROBLEM OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL; (C) BOOM IN SALE OF LIGHT-WATER RACTORS TO US'S BENEFIT; (D) PROSPERITY FOR US ENRICHMENT INDUSTRY; AND (E) POLICY USED TO BEGIN QTE CAJOLE AND THREATEN ITS FRIENDS FROM A POSITION OF MONOPOLY, WHICH HAS BEEN AMERICA'S AIR IN THIS FIELD FROM THE BEGINNING

END QTE.

3. BAXTER STATES THAT AMERICAN EFFORTS IN REPROCESSING ARE IN BEGIN QTE STATE OF CHAOS DUE LARGELY TO GOVERNMENT INCOMPETENCE END QTE, AND THAT BEGIN QTE AMERICAN PROPOSALS ARE DEVICE TO TRY TO PROTECT THEIR INDUSTRIES AND WILL NO DOUBT BE BACKED BY ALL KINDS OF THREATS AND PRESSURES ON THEIR ALLIES TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE END QTE. CARTER'S POLICY, ACCORDING TO BAXTER, BEGIN QTE WILL ADD TO WORLD TENSION AND MAKE NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE BOMB CLUB MORE LIKELY END QTE.

4. AT TIME OF CARTER'S ENERGY STATEMENT, REGIONAL RESOURCE ATTACHE (RRA) WAS ATTENDING AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, AND RRA SOUGHT COMMENTS OF PETROLEUM OFFICIALS THERE. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CARTER'S ENERGY INITIATIVES WERE LONG OVERDUE AND HOPEFULLY US ACTION WOULD PROMPT GOA TO DEVELOP ENERGY POLICY.

5. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY SUPPORTS CARTER'S ENERGY INITIATIVES AT TIME WHEN THEY ARE SEEKING INCREASE IN CRUDE OIL PRICES FROM GOA. THEREFORE, LOCAL PETROLEUM INDUSTRY LOOKS AT PRESIDENT'S ENERGY STATEMENT AS SUPPORT FOR THEIR CRUDE OIL PRICE INCREASE DEMANDS.

6. COMMENT: RRA HAS CIRCULATED SEVERAL COPIES OF CARTER'S ENERGY STATEMENT TO MINERALS AND ENERGY OFFICIALS IN AUSTRALIA SOLICITING THEIR VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT. RESULTS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SURVEY WILL BE REPORTED WHEN AVAILABLE.

7. BAXTER'S OUTBURST IS OUT OF CHARACTER FOR HIM, AS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRO-NUCLEAR ENERGY AND PRO-U.S. REASON FOR HIS CRITICAL APPRAISAL IS NOT KNOWN. HOWEVER, BAXTER DOES NOTE A POSITIVE EFFECT OF CARTER'S ENERGY STATEMENT AND THAT IS THAT IT PROVIDES LARGER MARKET FOR AUSTRALIAN URANIUM. END COMMENT.
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